

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A first client device is allowed to run software that a second client device owned by the same user has been allowed to run. At that time, a user ID of the user, a device ID of the second client device, and a software ID of the software, registered in association with each other, are deleted from a database server, and the software ID of the software is registered in association with the user ID of the user and the device ID of the first client device. When it has been verified that the software ID is registered in association with the user ID of the user and the device ID of the first client device, a license key is issued to the first client device.